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Richard

Just tried to forward a message to you from BDC but not sure the attachment worked.

Anyway, here is the information for tonight:

## 12/08/20: New grants available for Breckland tourism and hospitality businesses

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Businesses in Breckland are being encouraged to apply for grants to help them implement measures which help them continue safely trading despite Covid-19.

The fund is available to local businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors and could see them receive up to £5,000 to help put in place safety measures, and invest in ways to keep trading successfully over the winter months. The money could be used by businesses to put in place safety changes, including new shop signage, hand sanitiser stations, protective equipment for staff, screens and barriers, improved waiting areas and outdoor service areas. Grants of between £250 to £3000 are being made available and will cover 50% of costs incurred by businesses backdated to 23 June 2020.

The other element of the funding can be used by businesses to help businesses innovate or future-proof ahead of winter, perhaps funding outdoor heating and lighting, temporary structures to increase space and capacity at their venues, and online/mobile-based interventions to reduce queueing. The Breckland scheme has around £140k available and forms part of a wider £2.2m Norfolk-wide package of measures to support the hospitality and visitor economy, which has been identified as one of the hardest hit by Covid.

Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader of Breckland Council, commented: "The tourism and hospitality sector has been hit tremendously hard during lockdown, whilst new safety measures have meant further financial outlays. These new schemes are aimed at supporting businesses in their time of

need and future-proofing them to ensure a more prosperous, and safer time ahead for staff and customers over the coming months."

The new grant funding is in addition to around £30m in local and national funding distributed to local businesses by Breckland Council to help them deal with the pandemic. For further information on the scheme, criteria and details on how to apply, visit [www.breckland.gov.uk/bs-online-application](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/bs-online-application)

**Breckland Council - Online Grant Application Form**

Thanks

David